— This code number is to be displayed on all documentation with regard to the conduct of examinations, publication of results, issue of mark-sheets or any other document issued in this behalf.

— Universities to devise a foolproof system whereby any kind of document issued by the university is strictly in terms of the all India regulations laid down and the code number allocated.

— University Grants Commission to consider setting up an Expert Committee to work out details of such a system.

— The degree awarded by a university must carry a photograph of the person to whom the degree is being awarded.

The Task Force has also recommended that various options be considered for preventing advertisements of fake universities and or fake degrees being published in newspapers and journals. Apart from the above the matter relating to Amendment in the University Grants Commission Act for curbing the growth of fake universities as also to enhance the penalty for those who contravene the provisions of Section 22 and 23 of the University Grants Commission Act is under consideration of the Government.

Social Forestry projects in Orissa

*286. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some social forestry projects are being implemented in Orissa, with external aid;

(b) if so, what are those projects;

(c) the amount of external aid received for those projects, so far; and

(d) the details of work undertaken under those projects?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI SURESH PRABHU: (a) and (b) A project titled 'Capacity Building for Participatory Management of Degraded Forests in Orissa' is presently under implementation with assistance from Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA), Sweeden since December, 1997. An amount of 13.5 million Swedish Kronor (approx. Rs. 5.88 crores) is being provided by SIDA as assistance under the project.

(c) State Government of Orissa has received Rs. 148.62 lakh as advance central assistance for the project.

(d) Training, consultancies and studies for Joint Forest management and continuance of Eco-restoration works are being undertaken under this project.

Dumping of Sugar by Foreign Countries

*287. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:
SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Sugar Mills Association has expressed concern over the large scale 'dumping of sugar' in the Indian markets particularly by Pakistan;

(b) if so, the details of foreign countries which have dumped sugar in India;

(c) to what extent the Indian sugar industry has been affected due to dumping of sugar by foreign countries;

(d) whether the Government have since taken final decision to increase the import duty on sugar to save the indigenous sugar industry; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS- (SURJIT SINGH BARNALA): (a) indian Sugar Mills

Association (ISMA) and the National Federation of Cooperative Sugar Factories (NFCSF) have expressed their concern due to large inflow of imported sugar into the country including imports of sugar from Pakistan.

(b) A table indicating the major imports of sugar from different countries for the financial year 1998-99 (April to Sept) is given in "statement" (*see* below).

(c) to (e) Both ISMA & NFCSF have represented that due to arrival of cheaper imports and the likely production of over 150 lakh tonnes of sugar during 1998-99 sugar season, sale of domestic sugar is adversely affected. They have, therefore, represented to the Government for increasing the custom duty on import of sugar, which is under consideration of the Government.

Statement

Major Imports of Sugar from Different Countries for the Financial Year 1998-99 (April to Sept.)

Name of Country	Quantity (in tonnes)	% of imports	Value (in Rs. Crores)	Unit Value (Rs. per kg)
Brazil	24,006	5.78	28.42	11.83
France	19,886	4.79	28.39	14.28
German	10,575	2.55	13.90	13.15
Mexico	20,427	4.92	31.47	15.41
Pakistan	3,00,206	72.27	387.26	12.90
U.A.E.	20,621	5.96	27.63	13.40
Others	19,678	3.73	27.51	—
TOTAL	4,15,399	100.00	544.58	13.11

SOURCE: DGCI&S, Calcutta.

Performance of Private and Cooperative Sector Fertilizer Units

*288. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that barring NFL, FACT and RCF, all the major fertilizer companies in Public Sector have reported heavy losses during 1997-98;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what has been the performance of Private as well as Co-operative sector fertilizer units during 1997-98;

(d) what are the major factors responsible for poor performance of fertilizer units in the Public Sector; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to improve their performance?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA): (a) to (c) The financial performance of the fertilizer public sector undertakings/cooperatives under the Department of Fertilizers (DOF) during 1997-98 is as follows:—